

HOUSE BILL 1953

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-20-106, relative to litigation taxes in certain matters before the general sessions courts and juvenile courts in any county having a charter form of government which has a population of less than four hundred thousand (400,000) according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-20-106(c)(1), is amended by deleting the figures "335,000" and the figures "336,000".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-20-106, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (f):

(f)

(1) By a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its legislative body, any county having a charter form of government that has a population of less than four hundred thousand (400,000), according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census is authorized to levy an additional litigation tax of one dollar (\$1.00) up to a maximum of five dollars (\$5.00), to be denominated as a part of the court costs, for each petition, warrant and citation, including warrants and citations for traffic offenses, in matters before the local general sessions courts and juvenile courts. The additional one dollar (\$1.00) litigation tax may be increased yearly by one dollar (\$1.00) until a total litigation tax of five dollars (\$5.00) has been levied for such filings.

(2) Any revenue generated by a county pursuant to subdivision (f)(1) shall be used exclusively to support a local victim-offender mediation center or

centers organized pursuant to this chapter and shall be distributed on a monthly basis by the county to such victim-offender mediation center or centers for the purpose of handling victim-offender mediation and other community mediation matters.

(3) The taxes levied pursuant to this subsection (f) shall be in addition to any other taxes levied on litigation.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.